

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A circuit interrupting device comprising:

a housing;

a phase conductive path disposed at least partially within said housing between a line side and a load side, said phase conductive path terminating at a first connection capable of being electrically connected to a source of electricity, a second connection capable of conducting electricity to at least one load and a third connection capable of conducting electricity to at least one user accessible load;

a circuit interrupting portion disposed within said housing and configured to cause electrical discontinuity in said phase conductive path between said line side and said load side upon the occurrence of a predetermined condition; and

switch means disposed within said housing for activating said circuit interrupting portion; and

a reset portion disposed at least partially within said housing and configured to reestablish electrical continuity in said phase conductive path, wherein

the switch means is operated by a prong of a plug, so that both insertion of a plug into a receptacle in the housing and removal of a plug from a receptacle in the housing is effective to cause said electrical discontinuity, and

the reset portion includes a lockout portion preventing reestablishment of the electrical continuity in the absence of a plug inserted in the receptacle.

2. (Currently amended) The circuit interrupting device of claim 1 wherein the reset portion is operated by a prong of a plug, so that insertion of the plug into the receptacle is effective to reestablish said electrical continuity in case the device is operational, is not in an open neutral condition and is not reverse wired.

3-5. Cancelled

6. (Currently amended) A circuit interrupting device comprising:

a housing;

a phase conductive path and a neutral conductive path each disposed at least partially within said housing between a line side and a load side, said phase conductive path terminating at a first connection capable of being electrically connected to a source of electricity, a second connection capable of conducting electricity to at least one load and a third connection capable of conducting electricity to at least one user accessible load, and said neutral conductive path terminating at a first connection capable of being electrically connected to a source of electricity, a second connection capable of providing a neutral connection to at least one load and a third connection capable of providing a neutral connection to at least one user accessible load;

a circuit interrupting portion disposed within said housing and configured to cause electrical discontinuity in said phase and neutral conductive paths between said line side and said load side upon the occurrence of a predetermined condition;

switch means for activating said circuit interrupting portion; and

a reset portion configured to reestablish electrical continuity in said phase and neutral conductive paths; and

said circuit interrupting device further comprising a reset lockout portion that prevents reestablishing electrical continuity in said phase and neutral conductive paths if said circuit interrupting portion is non-operational, if an open neutral condition exists or if a reverse wiring condition exists, wherein

the switch means is operated by a prong of a plug, so that both insertion of a plug into a receptacle in the housing and removal of a plug from a receptacle in the housing is effective to cause said electrical discontinuity, and the reset lockout portion prevents reestablishment of the electrical continuity in the absence of a plug inserted in the receptacle.

7. (Currently amended) The circuit interrupting device of claim 6 wherein the reset portion is operated by a prong of a plug, so that insertion of the plug into the receptacle is

effective to reestablish said electrical continuity in case the device is operational, is not in an open neutral condition and is not reverse wired.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (New) The circuit interrupting device of claim 1 wherein the circuit interrupting portion disposed within said housing is tripped mechanically by a prong.

12. (New) The circuit interrupting device of claim 6 wherein the circuit interrupting portion disposed within said housing is tripped mechanically by a prong.